

U. S. SUES TO DISSOLVE "HARD COAL TRUST"

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Individuals Named as Being
Responsible for Monopoly.

READING IS CHIEF FACTOR

Attorney General Accuses Com-
bine of Controlling 63 Per Cent
of Unmined Anthracite and
30 Per Cent of Supply.

Philadelphia, Sept. 2.—In Attorney General McReynolds' first and most important attack on the alleged "hard coal trust," begun here to-day with the filing of a civil suit for the dissolution of the Reading company's control of coal mining and coal carrying railroads—the most potential combination in the anthracite fields, Henry A. du Pont, United States senator from Delaware, and eight other individual defendants are alleged to be responsible for the monopoly.

The Reading Company, with its subsidiary and allied corporations, including the Central Railroad of New Jersey and certain of their officers and directors, is charged with violating both the Sherman anti-trust law and the commodities clause of the interstate commerce act in an attempt to monopolize the production and transportation of anthracite.

This combination, controlling 63 per cent of the unmined deposits of anthracite, and marketing about 30 per cent of the annual supply, will own or control in time, if not dissolved, the Attorney General warns, "every ton of commercially available anthracite known to exist."

Law Affords Only Relief.

The importance of the suit is emphasized with the declaration that in this case "only the law can afford relief." It is pointed out that in almost every other industry it is at least possible for a monopoly to be broken by the influx of fresh capital attracted by high profits, but against a monopoly of hard coal, the supply of which is limited, there can be no such protection.

The suit to-day is the second step of the Department of Justice to solve the "hard coal trust" situation since the decision of the Supreme Court last December cancelling the 65 per cent contracts and ordering the dissolution of the Temple Iron Company. The court held the government had failed to prove a general combination among all the coal carrying railroads and left open to future litigation the minor combinations of which the Reading is the most important.

Former Attorney General Wickham filed a civil suit along similar lines, and which is now pending against the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company.

Attorney General McReynolds is considering the question of attacking other alleged combinations of coal carrying railroads and coal mining companies, particularly the Lehigh Valley and the Erie and their allied coal companies. No decision as to probable action has yet been reached.

The following corporations and individuals are named as defendants in the petition in equity filed to-day:

Company.	Capital.	Debt.
Reading.	\$140,000,000	\$130,000,000
Reading and Railway.	42,481,700	40,385,582
Phila. and Reading Coal and Iron.	8,000,000	74,576,929
Cent. R. R. of N. J.	27,436,800	47,488,000
Lehigh and Wilkes- Barre Coal.	9,212,500	16,908,000
Lehigh Coal & Nav.	20,257,950	21,409,333
Wicon & Nor. R. R.	1,500,000	894,000
Lehigh & Hudson River Railway.	1,340,000	3,229,000
Lehigh & New Eng- land Railroad.	1,000,000	1,770,000

George F. Baer, Philadelphia; George F. Baker, New York; Edward T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia; Henry C. Frick, New York; Peter A. B. Widener, Philadelphia; Henry A. du Pont, United States senator from Delaware; Daniel Willard, Baltimore; Henry P. McKean, and Samuel Dickson, Philadelphia.

Fostered by Nine Men.

The nine individual defendants are declared to be responsible for the continuance of the combinations and monopolizations embodied in the formation of the Reading holding company, which is alleged to be "in and of itself" a combination in restraint of trade and a monopoly.

The government asks the court to dissolve the Reading company's control of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, of the Schuylkill Navigation Company and of the Wilmington & Northern Railroad Company.

Dissolution also is sought of the joint control by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company of the Lehigh & Hudson River Railway Company and the Lehigh & New England Railroad Company.

In seeking these dissolutions Attorney General McReynolds, who is averse to the pro rata distribution of the stock of a dissolved "trust" as being inadequate, specifically urges that the stocks be disposed of under the supervision and direction of the court to persons not the stockholders or agents or otherwise under the control or influence of the present owners. Pending the distribution, the government asks that the defendants be enjoined from voting the stock or from receiving dividends thereon.

Contract Is Attacked.

The government attacks a contract between the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, by which they are alleged to be joined in a community of interest, and asks that the lease of the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad, owned by the navigation company, to the Central Railroad Company be cancelled, unless materially modified, so as to avoid restraint of trade.

The commodities clause of the interstate commerce act, the government contends, is being violated by the Reading Railway Company in transporting the coal mined by the Reading Coal Company, owned by the former, by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, in transporting the coal of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, owned by the Central Railroad, and by the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad Company in carrying the coal mined by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and by the Lehigh & New England Railroad Company in transporting the coal of the Lehigh and Navigation Company. Injunctions against a continuance of these relationships are sought.

In furtherance of the alleged monopoly, the Reading Coal Company is charged with purchasing from other producers

from 800,000 to 1,400,000 tons of anthracite annually, thereby giving the coal company control of upward of 50 per cent of the total shipments of hard coal over the Reading Railway Company's lines.

Formed by J. P. Morgan & Co.

The Reading combination was formed in 1901 at the instigation, it is said, of J. P. Morgan & Co., who had dominated the company since its reorganization, in 1896. For the purpose of extending the power of the Reading system from the Schuylkill region, where it alone had monopolized the production and transportation of anthracite, into the two remaining regions—the Wyoming and the Lehigh—the Reading Holding Company acquired a majority of the stock of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey. This consolidation, taking into consideration the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey's contractual relationship with the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, gave the Reading company control of 63 per cent of all the unmined anthracite in Pennsylvania, and resulted in the confederation of the railroad and canal transportation controlled by the interests involved.

LAYS BLAME ON READING

Department of Justice Calls It
Trust's "Backbone."

Washington, Sept. 2.—In a statement issued to-night discussing the "coal trust" suit filed at Philadelphia, the Department of Justice asserted the Reading combination to be the "backbone of the alleged monopoly of anthracite."

"It controls about two-thirds of the entire deposits," the statement added, "and its supply will outlast by many years that of any other producer."

In its extensive investigation of the entire anthracite situation it is understood the department will consider whether the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, a defendant in to-day's suit, is not "in and of itself" a combination in restraint of trade. The government's petition specifically states, however, that that question is not intended to be raised in the present proceedings. If the courts sustain the government's charges and dissolve the alleged trust, it is indicated that the case of the Reading Coal Company—the largest owner, producer and seller of anthracite—will be taken up.

This company is said to own or lease nearly 100,000 acres of coal-bearing lands in the Schuylkill region, estimated to embrace more than two billion tons of available anthracite.

In its statement the department particularly pointed out that the court is asked to dissolve the Reading combination, so that there will not be a pro rata distribution of stock among its present stockholders, as was the case in the Standard Oil and Tobacco dissolutions, but that the distribution shall be such that the stock will go to persons not now connected with the Reading.

COAL PRICES ADVANCED

Three Family Grades 50 Cents
a Ton Higher.

[By Telegram to the Tribune.]
Philadelphia, Sept. 2.—Winter coal prices are now in effect, three of the family grades, egg, stove and nut, being 50 cents a ton higher than the prices filed April 1. Retail dealers now quote egg coal at \$6.75 a ton, stove \$7 and nut \$7.25. The price for pea coal will be advanced later. The retailers have not added the 2½ per cent state tax on hard coal, levied by the legislature at its recent session. It is applied on the wholesale price of the coal at the mines, exclusive of the freight. If a ton of coal, for instance, is \$2 at the mines, the tax of 2½ per cent makes it \$2.05 a ton.

GEMS FOR REVILLON BRIDE

Presents of Great Value Given
Denver Girl.

[By Telegram to the Tribune.]
Denver, Sept. 2.—Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of gems, jewelry, furs and other presents were showered on Miss Kate Vidler, who became the bride of Theodore Revillon, of the French house of that name. One was a present of \$100,000 made by the bridegroom's father as a sort of dowry for Miss Vidler. The wedding took place at noon on top of Lookout Mountain at the Vidler home.

One of the sets of jewelry given by Mr. Revillon to Miss Vidler is a diamond sunburst pendant set in platinum, worth \$50,000, and a bracelet and ring to match, worth \$3,000. The couple leave to-night for New York on their way to France, where they will live in a chateau at Deauville.

Miss Vidler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rees C. Vidler, English people, who built a magnificent home on Lookout Mountain, overlooking Denver, some years ago. Miss Vidler was educated in France. Theodore Revillon's home is in New York.

YONKERS TO CELEBRATE

Will Install New Electric Light-
ing System To-night.

Mayor Lennon of Yonkers will be the guest of honor at a dinner given to-night by the business men of that place in celebration of the installation of the new electric lighting system. He will press a button which will start the new system.

Several years ago the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Association took up the subject of the insufficient lighting of the business district. Various organizations were formed and through the assistance of the city, the expense of the lighting the business section of the city. The agitation finally resulted in the Board of Aldermen providing funds for the installing of electric lights consisting of five cluster lamps upon a pole each fifty feet apart.

Preceding the dinner a parade will be held, made up of the various social and civic organizations of Yonkers. A large attendance is expected at the dinner, which is to be given in the Parkville Inn.

BAYONNE DOWNS WATER PLAN

Voters Defeat Proposition to Buy
Plant for City.

The proposition to have the city of Bayonne buy the water plant from which it is supplied was defeated at a special election yesterday by a vote of 2,731 to 1,938. Mayor Cronin, a candidate for reelection in the fall, backed the project, which would permit the city to bond itself to the extent of \$2,278,500 in order to purchase the property of the New York and New Jersey Water Company.

Opposition to the proposal was led by Dr. Bert Daly, fusion nominee for Mayor again Cronin. His argument was that owned only the pipes which transmitted the water to the city from the plant of the East Jersey Water Company, at Little Falls, on the Passaic River.

He said Bayonne would be purchasing only the privilege of buying water direct from the East Jersey company.

POLITICIANS PAUSE AT SHADOW OF GAYNOR

Waiting to See How Mayor's
Independent Candidacy Is
Received by People.

WORKING ON BRONX TANGLE

Fusionists Hope to Effect Com-
promise in That Borough—
Hearst Still Undecided—
Koenig Meets Leaders.

The shadow of Mayor Gaynor hung over the political situation yesterday. Everybody was waiting to see how the announcement of his independent candidacy for reelection, which is to be made from the steps of the City Hall to-day, will be received by the people. Representatives of various political organizations will have trained political observers present to report on the demonstration.

In the mean time the executive committee of the fusion committee held a long meeting and organized itself into a campaign committee. There will be sub-committees for each borough, but the general fight will be directed from the main headquarters, in the Fifth Avenue Building. Petitions are being circulated to place the entire fusion ticket on the ballot under the emblem of the committee.

Joseph M. Price, chairman, said there had been no discussion as to the possibility of John Purroy Mitchell's getting off the ticket. Such a suggestion had never been made by any member of the committee, he asserted.

No Change in Fusion Slate.

"You may make it as strong as you like," he declared, "that we will make no changes in our slate for the Board of Estimate."

The committee is still working on the Bronx situation, however, with the hope of framing a compromise local ticket on which the various organizations opposed to Tammany may unite.

Mayor Gaynor, who returned to the City Hall yesterday after an illness of ten days at his summer home in St. James, was in consultation with his political advisers all day. He will continue to map out his campaign to-day and tomorrow.

The Mayor is going away to-morrow for a two weeks' rest. No announcement was made of his destination, but it is understood he is going to the Adirondacks, probably Tupper Lake, where a friend has a camp. Although he told his friends yesterday he felt much better, it was plain he was feeble and that the strain of his illness had weakened him considerably. It is understood that he will take a physician with him.

There were many unconfirmed rumors about what William Randolph Hearst intended to do, but the information from the best sources was that he had reached no decision and might not before his return, on September 15. That decision will depend somewhat on the strength of the Gaynor movement and developments in the general situation. The Independence League committee will not meet before next week, and then may decide to call the entire city committee together to fill the place left vacant by the declination of Mr. Mitchell. John J. Hopper, chairman of the county committee, who has been suggested as the Mayor's candidate, said that under no circumstances would he take it.

At fusion headquarters it was stated there was no disposition to replace Mr. Hopper as the fusion candidate for Mayor, just because the league had turned down the fusion candidates for Controller and President of the Board of Aldermen.

Reports were being circulated yesterday that Mr. Hearst was in such poor health that it would be impossible for him to stand the strain of running as a candidate for Mayor. Friends said that to the best of their knowledge he was in his usual good health.

Mitchell's Friends Confer.

Some friends of Mr. Mitchell, including Montgomery Hare, Arthur H. Woods, former Deputy Police Commissioner, and George H. Bell, conferred with Norman Hargood and Mr. Price at fusion headquarters in the afternoon. Various matters of organization were discussed, but no details were given out.

Samuel S. Koenig, president of the Republican County Committee, conferred with many of the district leaders. He said he had not heard of any of them following the example of John J. Lyons, of the 21st, who has asked the enrolled Republicans of the district to indicate whether they would prefer Mitchell or Gaynor at the head of their ticket.

Former Congressman William S. Bennett, who is leading a movement to have Republicans write the name of Gaynor for Mayor in the Republican primary ballot, wrote to R. Ross Appleton, the Gaynor manager, yesterday, saying that if Gaynor should be made the nominee of the Republicans by this process "he (Gaynor) could then with the united front and with the entire fusion ticket, both under the Republican emblem and under the emblem of the shovel, proceed to the defeat of Tammany Hall."

Congressman William M. Calder, of Brooklyn, called to see Mayor Gaynor, but could not wait until he reached his office. It is understood he wanted to see what chance there was of getting indorsement for the Republican local candidates in Kings County. Judge Lewis L. Fawcett, the Republican candidate for reelection in Kings, also called on the Mayor.

William R. Wilcox, former chairman of the Public Service Commission, who has told his friends he would be unable to support Mr. Mitchell because of the latter's attitude on subways, also called. He refused to discuss the visit.

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Delegations from All Boroughs
Will Take Part in Gaynor
Notification Rally.

1,000 COMING FROM BRONX

Brooklynites to March Across
Bridge Headed by Band—
Barondess to Lead East
Side Organizations.

The final arrangements for the Gaynor notification meeting on the steps of the City Hall to-day were effected last night at a meeting of the Gaynor Fusion and Nominating League's executive committee at the Gaynor campaign headquarters, in the Hotel Breslin. The Gaynor managers declared the reports from the chairmen of the various organizations of Gaynor supporters promised one of the largest political gatherings in the history of the city.

Delegations from all parts of the city will gather in the side streets near the City Hall shortly before 12:30 p. m., and at a given signal will close in upon the plaza and mass themselves in front of the City Hall. Bands have been engaged to head some of the delegations. Many of the marchers are expected to carry shovels of some description in token of the Gaynor emblem.

When the delegations are assembled in the plaza the committee of arrangements, appointed by Fire Commissioner Johnson, chairman of the campaign committee, accompanied by the chairmen of all the delegations, will call upon the Mayor and escort him to the portion of the City Hall.

The arrangement committee consists of R. J. Greenhut, William Lustgarten, Albert Ottlinger, J. C. McKnight, Eugene J. McGuire, Louis J. Horowitz, R. Ross Appleton, F. J. Crystal, Judson G. Wall, George Schreiber, James Edward Graybill and Peter R. Gatens.

Jacob H. Schiff to Preside.

Jacob H. Schiff will preside, and the other speakers will be R. Ross Appleton, chairman of the Gaynor Fusion and Nominating League; Herman Ridder, representing the various Gaynor organizations and citizens at large, and, of course, Mayor Gaynor. The Mayor is not expected to deliver a set speech, but his remarks will include a flat declaration of his intention to run on the independent ticket, and his earnest desire to put his hands to the shovel and dig for reelection.

The following description of some of the more prominent organizations which will take part in the meeting was given out last night at Gaynor campaign headquarters:

"A battalion of shovel carriers, under the leadership of 'Gene' McGuire, will march down from The Bronx behind a band. Behind them will come a thousand or more anti-Tammany members of the Bronx pro-Gaynor organizations. A police escort will accompany them. In addition to Leader McGuire's 'shovel carriers' and marchers there will be several other Bronx delegations, including the Bronx Progressives who have deserted John Purroy Mitchell.

"The Gaynor Enrollment League—one thousand strong—will march from Brooklyn across the bridge, under the leadership of Commissioner of Taxes Judson G. Wall. They will have a band with them and a police escort.

"From the East Side will come many delegations. They will be headed by Joseph Barondess, president of the Gaynor League of Foreign-Born Citizens. Prior to starting for City Hall the East Side delegations will hold a mass meeting in the National Theatre, Second avenue and Houston street, at 10 a. m.

Delegation from Staten Island.

"The Staten Island delegation, composed of several hundred Gaynor supporters, will embark on the 11:30 a. m. ferry for Manhattan and will assemble on Park Row. They will be headed by F. J. Crystal, president of the Business Men's Gaynor Nominating Committee of Staten Island.

"The 39th Assembly District Gaynor League, the Order of Acorns of Sheepshead Bay and Coney Island and the Bronx County Independent Democracy will form in Park Row.

"Five hundred members of the Allied Building Trades will proceed to the City Hall in automobiles. One hundred machines will be required to take them to the hall. This delegation will be under the leadership of Louis J. Horowitz, president of the Thompson-Starrett Company.

"Two sight-seeing wagons will carry the Whitman Independent League of Harlem to the place of assembly.

Police Commissioner Waldo has arranged for a large force of police at the City Hall plaza, who will endeavor to keep the streets near the City Hall open while the organizations are assembling.

Commissioner Johnson announced that among the organizations which came out for Gaynor yesterday were the West Side Republican Club, the Professional Men's League of Harlem and the National Progressive League of the 1st Assembly District.

VEHICLES KILL 47 IN MONTH

Report Says Many Children Died
Through Carelessness.

More than one-half of the 150 children killed in the streets of New York since January 1, in vehicle accidents, met death through their own carelessness, according to the report yesterday of the National Highway Protective Society.

Colonel Edward S. Cornell, the secretary, sent out a special warning to parents. Last month 47 persons were killed and 204 injured by vehicular traffic in New York City. Automobiles caused the death of 22 and injured 118; trolleys killed 13 and injured 52, and wagons killed 12 and injured 33.

FORMER WIFE SUES STALLO

Asks \$7,000 on Note She Says
He Executed in 1908.

Miss May Harrington, of Cleveland, who obtained a divorce from Dan R. Hanna and then married Edmund K. Stallo, whom she also divorced, has brought suit against Stallo for \$7,000 on a promissory note, payable in thirty days, which she alleges he executed in 1908.

Stallo answers the charge of his former wife by saying he gave her \$3,000 worth of bonds of the Mobile, Jacksonville & Kansas City Railway. He needed the bonds in 1908, but his wife refused to return them on his request unless he gave her a note for \$7,000, which he executed to get back the bonds. After making the note, Stallo alleges, he paid out at the request of his wife and for her benefit amounts of money far in excess of the face value of the note, and he therefore considers he has paid the note in full.

Miss Harrington, who has assumed her maiden name since divorcing Stallo, obtained from Justice Donnelly yesterday an order for a bill of particulars of Stallo's answer to her suit. The court ordered Stallo to specify the date on which he gave his wife the \$3,000 in bonds, the exact amount he paid out for Mrs. Stallo and the names of persons to whom he paid such moneys and their addresses.

EXPRESS OFFICIALS CONFER

Decision or Rate Cut May Be
Made Next Week, Says Hines.

Officials and other representatives of the five large express companies affected by the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission reducing express rates from 25 to 30 per cent held a long conference yesterday to consider how they should meet the commission's order. The question was whether to fight the cut or to submit.

Walker D. Hines, legal representative of all the companies, said after the meeting that no decision would probably be reached within a week, but that meanwhile more conferences would be held. The conference yesterday was held at the offices of the Southern Express Company, at No. 71 Broadway, and was attended by R. D. Caldwell, president of Wells, Fargo & Co., Francis F. Flagg, first vice-president of the American Express Company, Walter M. Barrett, president of the Adams Express Company, D. I. Roberts, president of the United States Express Company, and T. W. Leary, president of the Southern Express Company. In addition to Mr. Hines, general counsel, the companies were also represented by special counsel.

TAXICAB COMPANY GOES UNDER.

Boston, Sept. 2.—The Taxi Motor Cab Company, of Boston, owes \$211,592, according to the bankruptcy schedule filed in the United States District Court to-day by A. W. Pope, treasurer of the company. According to the company's books, the assets are worth \$175,447. The principal creditors include the Thomas Motor Cab

Company, of Buffalo, \$60,964, and the Fisk Rubber Company, Chicago, \$6,818.

OBSERVE ZION MOVEMENT

3,500 Jews Here Celebrate
Vienna Conference.

In celebration of the convening at Vienna yesterday of the eleventh annual Congress of Zionists, more than 3,500 Jews assembled in the National Theatre, Second avenue and Houston street, last night and listened to speeches made by Judge Jacob S. Strahl, of the Fourth Municipal Court, and Dr. J. L. Magnes.

Dr. Magnes declared that the Jews in this country will never, as "so many of the Hebrews abroad," be assimilated by other races. "The Jews in this country are unassimilable and indestructible."

Judge Strahl said: "To-day the eleventh International Zionist Conference opens in Vienna; the last met at Basle, and none knows where the next will meet. We are truly a homeless nation, wandering about, humbly knocking at other nations' doors. When will our congress, like other nations, meet on its own national land, in Palestine?"

MAX NATHAN 50 YEARS WED

Manufacturer, at 94, Has an
Elaborate Celebration.

Max Nathan, millionaire manufacturer of machinery, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home, Fairview, at Hastings-on-Hudson, yesterday.

Mr. Nathan was born in Bingen-on-the-Rhine in 1859. His wife is a native of Stuttgart and is about eighty years old. They were married in Cincinnati.

The celebration began with a breakfast, at which were present the five daughters, one son, fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild of the couple. Many valuable gifts were received at the Nathan home, and detectives were on guard. Last night there was a banquet and a reception.

BRADY GETS ADJOURNMENT

Policeman Accused of Robbing Bar-
tender Will Be Examined Friday.

James F. Brady, the suspended policeman charged by John Robinson, a bartender, with robbing him of \$42 and a gold watch, got an adjournment of his case when arraigned before Magistrate Bron in the Yorkville police court yesterday. He will be examined on Friday.

After adjournment the complainant said: "I identified Brady after being in the police station three times. I think I could have taken my money away from Brady, but I did not want to take a chance with his gun under my nose."

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